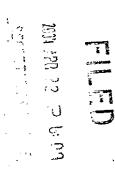
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April 19, 2004

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Honor Society of Omicron Tau Theta Inc.

#### Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for this not-forprofit corporation and a check for \$87.50. Please provide me with a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a Certificate of Status.

If you have any questions, you may reach me at the above address and telephone number.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Frank T. Hammon

**Enclosures** 

# Articles of Incorporation

of

# HONOR SOCIETY OF OMICRON TAU THETA INC.

# ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this not-for-profit corporation shall be:

Honor Society of Omicron Tau Theta, Incorporated

# ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle place of business and mailing address of this not-for-profit corporation shall be:

PO Box 19-1496 Miami Beach, FL 33119

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

- A. This not-for-profit corporation is organized under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and has the following purposes:
  - To serve as an international graduate professional honorary society, consisting of chapters located in various collegiate institutions offering programs of career and technical education on the graduate level;
  - To seek to improve career and technical education by striving:
    - To foster a closer relationship in the career and technical education environment among schools, government, business and industry, and members of the Honor Society of Omicron Tau Theta;
    - To further the professional influence of Honor Society of Omicron Tau Theta throughout universities, colleges, schools, government agencies, and communities;
    - c. To promote leadership in the field of career and technical education;

- d. To promote the benefits of career and technical education in relation to the individual, society and work;
- e. To render services to members in their professional development;
- f. To encourage research in the field of career and technical education and to acquaint the membership with research achievements;
- g. To promote the friendly and helpful association of all members; and,
- h. To further the general welfare of those in the profession of career and technical education.

### ARTICLE IV GOVERNANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION

#### A. National Council

- The Society shall be administered by the National Council, which shall be the legislative body of the Society, and in such capacity, the National Council shall initiate, adopt, and prescribe legislation, policies, budgets and any other matters that pertain to the Society as a whole.
- The National Council of the Society shall consist of the Executive Board (IV, A, 4, a) and one delegate (hereinafter referred to as National Council Delegate) from each chapter in good standing.
- Each member of the Executive Board and each National Council Delegate shall have and exercise the right to a single vote in determining the decisions of the National Council.

#### 4. Executive Board

- a. The Executive Board of the Society shall consist of the National Officers in accordance with IV, B.
- b. Powers and Duties. The Executive Board:
  - (1) Shall sponsor activities that it deems worthy of an organization committed to professional leadership in career and technical education.
  - (2) Shall have the power to authorize expenditures within limits fixed by the National Council, shall be charged with the care of surplus funds, and shall act on all ordinary matters between Council meetings.

- (3) Shall screen petitions for new chapters and shall process those deemed worthy of consideration by the chapters.
- (4) Shall make provisions for an audit of the treasurer's records and of the national office records at the end of the fiscal year.
- (5) Shall have the power to accept resignations, to make interim appointments, and to fill all vacancies in national offices that arise.
- (6) Shall have the right to appoint an Executive Director, who shall be an appointee of the Society, whose duties shall be defined by the Board, and who shall hold appointment at the discretion of the Board.
- (7) May conduct business by means of electronic communication as necessary throughout the year.

#### 5. Local Chapter National Council Delegates

- Each local chapter shall select or an official National Council Delegate and an Alternate Delegate.
- To be eligible for selection as National Council Delegate or Alternate Delegate, a candidate must be an active member of the organization.
- The National Council Delegate shall serve as the local chapter representative of the National Council.

#### Meetings

- a. The National Council shall hold a National Council meeting once annually (hereinafter referred to as Annual Meeting) at a time and place determined by the Executive Board.
- Each chapter shall be notified of the agenda, date, time, and place of the annual National Council meeting at least sixty days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- c. Special meetings of the National Council shall be called by the President with the consent of the Executive Board or upon written demands of two-thirds of the Council. Each Chapter shall be notified of the agenda, date, time and place of the special National Council meetings at least thirty days prior to the special meeting date.
- d. As deemed appropriate by a majority of the National Council members, any Special Meeting of the National Council may be held electronically rather than in person.

- e. The organization shall hold a National Membership Meeting annually at a time and place determined by the Executive Board.
- f. Members will be notified of the time and place of the annual National Membership Meeting at least sixty days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- The fiscal year and membership year of the organization shall be the same. The fiscal and membership year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

#### B. National Officers

- The National Officers are elected by the National Council at the Annual meeting of the National Council. The national officers are President, Past President, President-Elect, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor, Journal Editor-Elect, Historian, Parliamentarian, Past President, Executive Director, and Advisor(s).
- 2. The National Officers shall take office at the beginning of the Society's fiscal year.
- Any member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for election to national office.
- 4. The President-Elect shall automatically assume the Presidency at the end of the term of office of the President. In the event that the President-Elect is unable to fulfill the office, a new President-Elect shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
- The President shall automatically become past President at the expiration of his or her term as President.
- The Journal Editor-Elect shall become the Editor of the Journal at the end of the term of office of the Journal Editor.
- 7. The terms of office for the National Officers shall begin at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the National Council.

# C. Membership in the Organization

- 1. Eligibility for regular membership in the organization shall be based on meeting the following criteria:
  - a. Any person who has specifically declared and is affirmatively committed to career and technical education and who meets the following minimum qualifications shall be eligible for candidacy to membership in the Society and shall be a member after being properly initiated with the Society's approved ceremony.

- (1) The holding of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- (2) The completion of eight semester hours of graduate work, at least three of which shall have been in professional career and technical education courses at an institution in which chapters of this Society are established. The grade average of these eight semester hours of credit shall be at least B or 85%.
- (3) Evidence of career and technical education as the candidate's major field.
- b. Outstanding persons who have clearly improved career and technical education through demonstrated leadership and support for career and technical education through government or business and industry shall be eligible for membership in the Society, subject to conditions prescribed by local chapter Bylaws.
- c. Honorary membership in the Society shall be made available to other persons whose contributions or potential contributions to the field of career and technical education are deemed to be exemplary and worthy of such recognition either at the national level by the National Council or locally by the local chapter.
- D. Membership shall be classified as follows:
  - Active Membership. Any duly initiated member who has paid national and local dues for the current fiscal year shall be classified as an active member. Any duly initiated member who had paid national and local dues for the preceding fiscal year, but not for the current one, shall remain classified as an active member through November 30 of the current fiscal year.
  - Honorary Membership. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues or other assessments but shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of active membership, except the right to hold office.
  - 3. <u>Inactive Membership</u>. Any active member whose national and local dues have not been paid for one fiscal year shall be classified as an inactive member. The right to vote and the right to hold office shall be denied to inactive members. An active member may regain active status by paying national and local dues for the current fiscal year.
  - 4. <u>Transfer Membership</u>. Active members of one chapter may, upon invitation from another chapter, transfer to any other active affiliated chapter with all rights and privileges of active membership on local matters and paying local dues. Members would pay both national and local dues to the new chapter in which they now hold active membership, and all contacts with the National Officers would be maintained through the new chapter.

# ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The name and address of the initial directors and officers are:

Dr. Elaine Adams, President University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602

Dr. Beth Wilson, Past-President North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC 27695

Dr. James Bartlett, Secretary University of Illinois Champaign, IL 61820

Dr. Keith Waugh, Treasurer Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL 62901

Dr. William T. Price, Parliamentarian Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA 24061

Paul Dettman, Historian Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA 24061

Dr. William G. Camp, Executive Director Cornell University Ithaca, NY 14853

Dr. Betty Heath-Camp, Advisor Cornell University Ithaca, NY 14853

# ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Frank T. Hammons, Ed. D. 465 Ocean Drive, #319 Miami Beach, FL 33139

# ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

Frank T. Hammons, Ed. D. 465 Ocean Drive, #319 Miami Beach, FL 33139

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I an	
the appointment as registere# agent and agree to act in this cap	
Feli 7. 1/2	April 20, 2004
Signature of Frank T. Hammons, Registered Agent	Date
Feb 7. 1/2	April 20, 2004
Signature of Frank T. Hammons, Incorporator	Date